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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is filed in response to the non-final Office action dated August 24, 2010.

Claims 1-15, 22-29, and 36 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 36 are rejected, and claims 8-15 and 22-29 are allowed.

Assignee sincerely thanks the examiner for indicating that claims 8-15 and 22-29 are allowed. Although assignee respectfully maintains that the rejected claims are patentable over the cited references, claims 1-7, and 36 are canceled without prejudice herein.

Accordingly, assignee respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable and should proceed to issuance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the instant application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for claims 8-15, and 22-29 is respectfully requested. If the examiner is of the opinion that the instant application is in condition for disposition other than through allowance, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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